

REMARKS

Claims 19 – 37 are pending. Claims 29 – 36 are allowed. Claims 19, 20, 23, 24, and 37 are rejected. Claims 21, 22, and 25 – 28 stand objected.

Applicants hereby cancel claims 19, 20, and 37 and amend claims 21 – 28, 30, 31, 34, and 36. Applicants do not introduce any new matter. The subject matter of the amendments may be found throughout the application as filed. Claims 21, 34, and 35 are amended to independent form to incorporate the respective base claim.

Applicants address the rejections and objections in the order in which they were presented in the Office Action dated November 24, 2008.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §112

Claim 20 is rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for reference to a branched alkyl group containing 2 or fewer carbon atoms. Applicants hereby cancel claim 20. Applicants amendment overcomes the rejection. Applicants request withdrawal of the §112 rejection.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC §102

Claim 19 is rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Suzusho et al. (JP 48-042279). Applicants hereby cancel claim 19. Applicants amendment overcomes the rejection. Applicants request withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection over Suzusho et al. (JP 48-042279).

Claims 19, 23, 24, and 37 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Mod et al. (US 3,515,754). Applicants cancel claims 19 and 37. Applicants amend claims 23 and 24 to depend from allowed claim 21, which is hereby amended to independent form. Applicants amendments overcome the rejection. Applicants request withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection over Mod et al. (US 3,515,754).

Claims 19, 23, and 24 are rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as anticipated by Petersen. (US 3,712,926). Applicants cancel claim 19. Applicants amend claims 23 and 24 to depend from allowed claim 21, which is hereby amended to independent form. Applicants amendments overcome the rejection. Applicants request withdrawal of the §102(b) rejection over Petersen (US 3,712,926).

The claims are believed in condition for allowance and Applicants respectfully request such action. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with any questions or comments for expeditious handling.

Respectfully submitted,

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